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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF FORT WILLIAM

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January 10, 1964.

The Honourable J.W. Spooner,
Minister of Municipal Affairs,
801 Bay St.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Spooner:

In December of 1963, I had an opportunity of discussing with you the Cost of Administering Justice in Territorial Districts, and also the application of the Municipal Unconditional Grant for administration of justice as it pertains to Municipalities in the County Organization of Eastern Ontario.

There is justification, I think for payment of the additional $1.00 per capita grant to the city of Fort William and the city of Port Arthur.

Reference might be made to the Juvenile and Family Court structure in this District, involving the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur. This Court was established by an Order-in-Council of the Provincial Government on the basis of 30% being borne by both Cities and 40% being borne by the Province of Ontario. This has worked satisfactory until we are now confronted with a rather substantial organization, which deals not only with the two Cities, but the entire District of Thunder Bay, and without any financial contribution from any of the organized Municipalities within this Territorial District.

We acknowledge the Government's contribution to this Court, but feel that the Municipalities who are receiving equally as much benefit as the two Cities should also be called upon to assume their share of the Court Costs, or we should receive recognition from the Province.

At the present time, the City of Fort William is assessed with Coroner's fees; Post-mortem fees; pathologist autopsies, inquest fees, and court witnesses; mortician fees and legal autopsies.

In 1911 the City of Fort William constructed a Court House Building and Police Station and provides courtroom facilities for the District Judge, and Magistrate, and on occasion for the Juvenile and Family Court. The City pays for all of the maintenance and repairs to this building.

Costs incurred by the City of Fort William relative to the Administration of Justice include the following:-

YEAR	JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT	MAINTENANCE COURT HOUSE AND POLICE STATION	INQUEST AND POST-MORTEM FEES	COURT WITNESSES AND INTERPRETERS	TOTAL
1955	$ 7,534.34	9,732.52	-	95.00	$ 17,361.86
1956	9,158.28	11, 315.09	272.90	170.00	20,916.27
1957	13,854.35	10,858. 03	1,504.25	342.00	26,558.63
1958	14,569.50	9,337.71	1,026.75	462.00	25,395.96
1959	12,186.36	12,705.65	961.75	455.00	26,308.76
1960	13,432.70	14,559.61	2,026.00	430.00	30,448.31

1961	10,643.61	10,562.35	1,632.25	263.00	23,101.21
1962	10,850.95	13,140.16	1,366.90	323.56	25,681.57
1963	9,338.32X	13,154.29X	1,078.50X	29660X	23,867.71X
	$101,568.41	$105,364.41	$9,869.30	$2,837.16	$219,640.28

X = 11 months.

I would respectfully request your consideration of the roblem, and if it is ossible to include this District as being eligible for the additional assistance, it would assist considerably in financing the cost of Administering Justice.

Yours very truly,

E.H. Reed,
Mayor.